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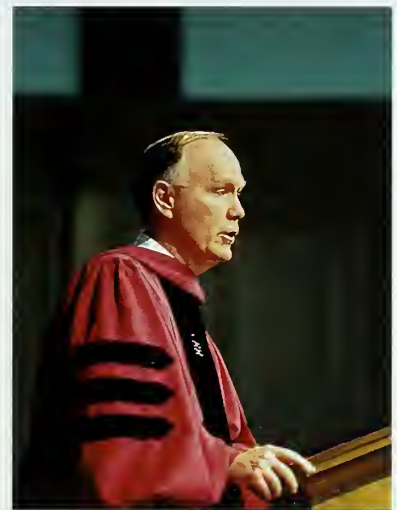
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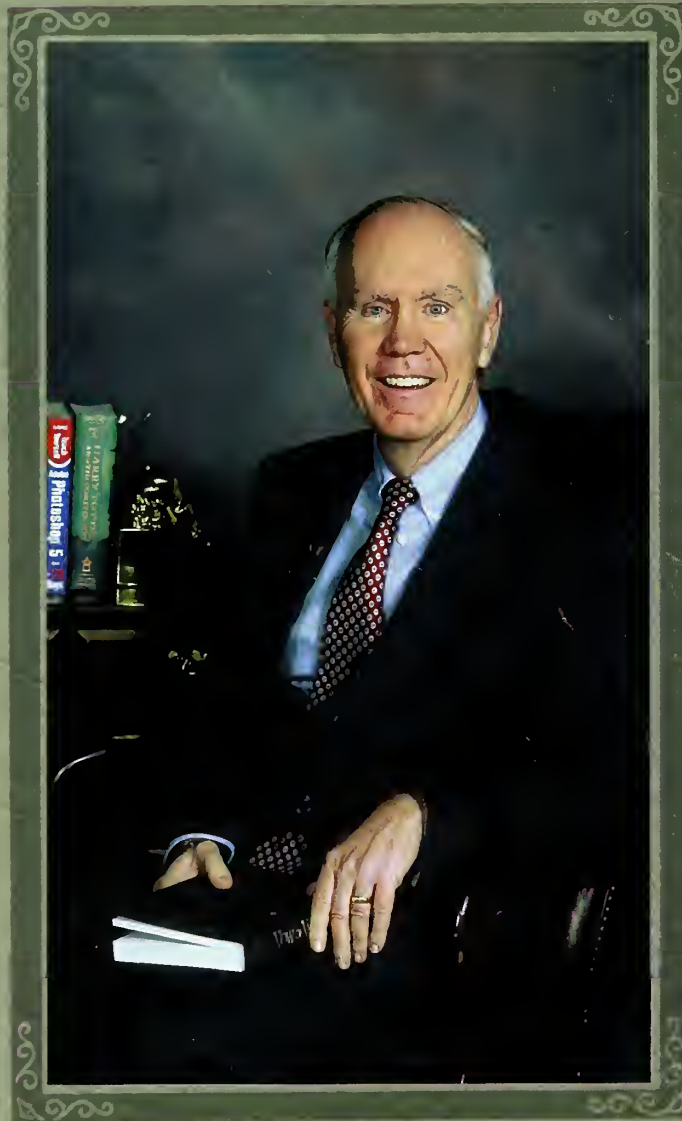
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# LEGAL LEGACY

Visionary Dean With Heart That Beats for Wake Forest Law Steps Down



by Ellen Dockham

**A**SERENDIPITOUS COMBINATION OF CONVERSATIONS LED DEAN ROBERT K. WALSH TO THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO. A BUS RIDE, A CHANCE MEETING IN A HALLWAY, A FONDNESS FOR MILD WEATHER, AND A LOVE FOR WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS RESULTED IN THE HIRING OF A MAN WHO NOT ONLY TRANSFORMED WAKE FOREST INTO ONE OF THE LEADING LAW SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY BUT ALSO ROSE TO BECOME ONE OF THE TOP LEADERS IN AMERICAN LEGAL EDUCATION.

ANOTHER COMBINATION OF EVENTS, including the fulfillment of the second capital campaign and the second long-range plan of his deanship, led Walsh to decide that 2007 was the right year for him to retire. On July 31, Walsh will vacate the dean's office but not the hearts and memories of faculty, alumni, students and administrators who love Wake Forest and Walsh.

"I was on the search committee, and once we had interviewed Bob and met Kathie (Walsh's wife), we knew right away that we had found the right person," said Bill Davis (JD '66), a partner with Bell, Davis & Pitt in Winston-Salem. "He has had a long tenure, and he has tirelessly worked on behalf of the law school and raised the profile of the law school through any number of activities. He's expanded the school and been able to attract excellent faculty members. He's spent a lot of time with alumni. He's just been an excellent dean."

That initial meeting with the dean search committee almost didn't happen. Receiving letters about dean openings was commonplace for Walsh after years of experience as a practicing attorney, a law faculty member at Villanova University, and dean of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. When he received Wake Forest's letter while he was a litigation partner with a law firm in Little Rock, he didn't pay much attention to it. But then came serendipitous conversation No. 1 on a bus ride with his friend Jim White as the two were being taken to dinner during a quarterly meeting of the American Bar Association's Accreditation Committee. "I mentioned the letter from Wake Forest to Jim but told him I had set it aside," Walsh remembers. "He told me that was a mistake, so I thought maybe I'd better take another look."

White, who served for 26 years as the chairman of the ABA's legal education section, said that turned out to be one extraordinary piece of advice. The relationship between Walsh and Wake Forest was such a good fit that it more than tripled the national average length of a deanship across the country, which is about five years, said White, who is now an ABA consultant emeritus and a faculty member at Indiana University.

"Bob's been a remarkable dean," White said. "It's fair to say he made Wake Forest a truly national law school. Before he came, it was certainly a good school, but it was regional. As I now talk to people around the country, it's clear that Wake Forest is one of the leading law schools in America. There is no doubt that he's considered one of the real leaders in American legal education."

At about the same time that Walsh and White were conferring on that bus, serendipitous conversation No. 2 happened at another national meeting. Professor Emerita Rhoda Billings, who served on the dean search committee, happened to meet Walsh's friend Steve Goldberg, who had taught at the University of Arkansas School of Law. Goldberg, who is now on the faculty of Pace Law School in New York, met Billings in the hallway outside the seminar. "I remember being out in the hall, and I ran into this person from another law school whom I didn't know," Billings said. "It was Steve Goldberg, and he approached me and asked why Bob Walsh hadn't been interviewed for the dean's job at Wake Forest. He told me we were missing a good opportunity. When I got back, I asked if we had an application from Bob, and somehow his file had been misplaced. So we pulled it out and circulated it, and he seemed to fit exactly what we were looking for."

Everything the committee was hoping for in a dean came to fruition with Walsh, Billings said. "People were excited about his experiences and contacts, including his work with the ABA, as a dean and as a practitioner," she said. "Wake Forest had always prided itself in training good lawyers, not theoreticians. We wanted to move up in the ranks, and we thought Bob was in a good position to give Wake Forest greater visibility. That's exactly what happened. It's his vision of the law school as a training ground for ethical, effective practitioners that marks his years here."

"There's no question that in addition to Bob being a good administrator, his wife, Kathie, has also been a wonderful companion in his efforts here," Billings said. "Everyone thinks she is a tremendous person and an equal asset to the law school."

That brings us to conversation No. 3, which happened between the Walshes after the Wake Forest interview. "I had been to two schools in the previous eight years to interview and had withdrawn my name both times," Walsh said. "But when I got back from Wake Forest, my wife said she could tell we were going to move because I had that little boy twinkle in my eyes. Kathie hates cold weather, so Winston-Salem was appealing."

The last serendipitous conversation was the one Walsh had with Ed Wilson, who was then the University's provost. Walsh, who had been an English major at Providence College before going on to Harvard Law School, found he shares a love of the poetry of William Butler Yeats with Wilson. "I've often said of Dean Walsh that when he came to be interviewed about the deanship, we spent most of our time talking about English literature, especially about William Butler Yeats. That had to do with his own background in reading poetry and my teaching it. We quickly wandered off the subject of law and talked about literature, and I've said to him several times that that was one reason I knew he would be a good dean for the law school, anybody who loved English the way he did."

Lawyers must certainly be articulate as well as precise and correct in their use of language, Wilson said, but loving Yeats is in a whole different realm. "When you move from the mere statement of a case in a legal brief to a point by Yeats, you obviously are moving to a more transcendent level. You bring into play rhythm and meter and the true voice of feeling, and that brings you to a different level of sensitivity to words and sound. For me, that sensitivity is important."

Perhaps it was that sensitivity that allowed Walsh to make the law school simultaneously more national and more Wake Forest. Thomas K. Hearn, former president of the University, said Walsh has his highest regard

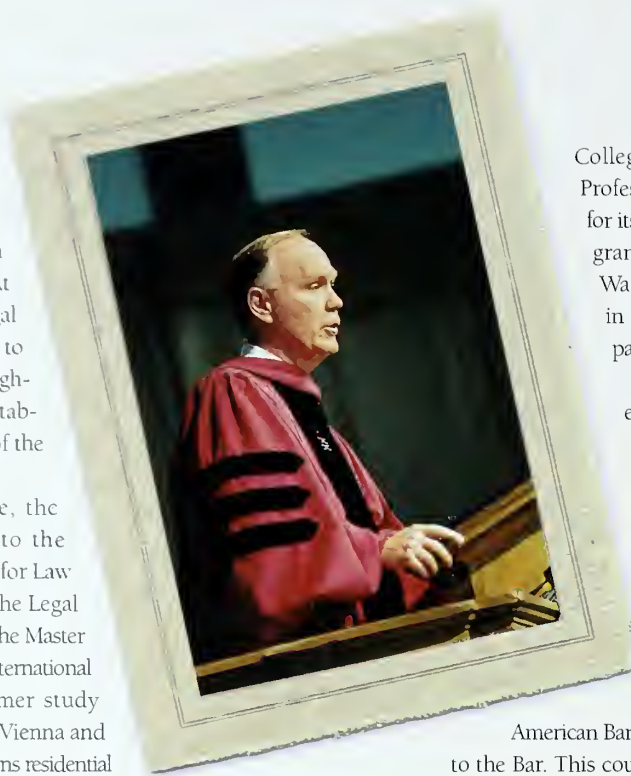
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because of that ability. "He brought the Wake Forest presence to the School of Law," Hearn said. "That was in fact a great achievement. At the same time, he gave legal studies the support needed to assure its operation at the highest level. As a dean, he established legal studies as part of the institutional mission."

During Walsh's tenure, the School of Law moved into the Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management; opened the Legal Clinic for the Elderly; began the Master of Laws degree program for international lawyers; and started summer study programs for its students in Vienna and Venice, where Wake Forest owns residential study centers. Walsh also led the development and completion of two long-range strategic plans for the school and saw the school through two university-wide capital campaigns. Fundraising for the School of Law more than tripled financial aid available to students after discounting inflation and supported the creation of four faculty chairs and three endowed professorships.

Under Walsh's leadership, the school won a number of awards and honors, including membership in the prestigious Order of the Coif, the Emil Gumpert Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy from the American



College of Trial Lawyers, and the E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award from the American Bar Association for its three-year comprehensive professional education program. In 2004, the *National Jurist* magazine declared Wake Forest the "best private law school for the money" in the United States, based upon such factors as bar passage rates, placement rates and student-faculty ratio.

One avenue Walsh has used both to share his expertise and to raise Wake Forest's national profile has been to serve in a number of state and national bar leadership positions. "It's one thing to have a great law school, and it's another thing to have people know it," Walsh said.

He has been a vice president of the North Carolina Bar Association and a member of its board of governors. He also was a founding member of the North Carolina Chief Justice's Professionalism Commission. In 2000, he was the chairperson of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. This council is the nationally recognized accrediting authority for law, as well as one of the two national learned societies for law schools. In 1993, Walsh was a co-founder of the ABA Seminar for New Law Deans, which for its first 10 years was held at Wake Forest's Graylyn Conference Center. He remains on that program's faculty.

Walsh was recently elected as national vice president of the American Inns of Court Foundation, and he was also recently reelected to serve as a board member for two other national legal organizations: the National Association of Law Placement Foundation and the ABA's Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative.

**I** HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING with Dean Walsh during his entire 18 years as dean of the law school. He is passionate about the legal profession and has dedicated his life to the education of the best and brightest law students here at Wake Forest.

One of the ways Dean Walsh has left an indelible impression on the law school is through his leadership of the school's financial resources. We worked on two major campaigns together, and his personal dedication to building the endowment at the law school was limitless. He is deeply committed to securing the resources necessary to make a law school education available for Wake Forest students. He worked tirelessly to secure donations for both student scholarships and faculty support. During his tenure, the law school increased financial aid for students and created four faculty chairs and three endowed professorships. In 2004, the *National Jurist* magazine declared Wake Forest the "best private law school for the money." It was Dean Walsh's leadership that created that value.


Dean Walsh helped raise the profile of the School of Law in other ways, too. He brought national recognition to the law school and the University with visits from some of the most esteemed legal minds in our country: U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justices William Rehnquist and John Roberts,

and Associate Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sandra Day O'Connor. This not only exposed Wake Forest students and faculty to the vast knowledge of these experts, but it also showcased the law school and our talented students who participated in moot court competitions, Q&A during the lectures, and other activities.

I particularly admire Dean Walsh's enthusiasm for law school alumni and volunteers. He relishes every opportunity to be with alumni and friends of the law school and has been a wonderful ambassador for Wake Forest. His dedication to the law school is infectious, and he has built an impressive network of supporters who share his vision for raising the bar at Wake Forest.

It has been a privilege and an honor for me to work with Dean Walsh. He is a talented administrator, a wise leader, and a personal friend. Carrie and I wish Kathie and him all the best as they begin this next phase in their life together.

JAMES R. BULLOCK '85, MBA '95  
Vice President for University Advancement



WITHOUT FANFARE OR DESIRE TO BE RECOGNIZED or applauded, Dean Robert Walsh came to the Wake Forest law school, and immediately began to make subtle changes that have made all of us and the law school better than before he came. He hired a secretary from within the law school who shied from the spotlight and concentrated on a job well done. In his early weeks at the law school it was loud and clear that he believed in total diversity, yet he never said a word or called a news conference to state his views.

In his early days as the new dean, Dean Walsh looked at the faculty and traveled to markets in search of young energetic academicians reaching beyond the norm to provide a full range of legal expertise to the students at the law school. Gradually new faces appeared, new courses were added, and scholarly articles published. This outward transition showed that Dean Walsh was a proponent of a diverse education, yet he never said a word or called a news conference to state his views.

A simple invitation to join a local Inn of Court changed the focus of many lawyers and jurists in the triad. An Inn of Court was an old idea that had been reinvented by the American Inns of Court, and was an ideal organization to give honor to the past while recognizing the positives of the present. I will forever remember Dean Walsh invoking "the rule" at the dinner hour, when he reminded us to sit only with strangers and to make sure that there was a young lawyer, an experienced lawyer, a judge and a student at the dinner table. The Inn was an exciting way to create diversity in the legal field within a national framework, yet Dean Walsh never said a word or called a news conference to state his views.

After a one-year sabbatical, Walsh plans to return to the classroom for the 2008–09 school year. The classroom is where his legal heart resides, and it's his work in attracting outstanding faculty members and improving the educational experience for the students that is Walsh's greatest legacy. Walsh is most proud of having hired one-half of the current tenure track faculty, a group of proven scholar-teachers that any school would be proud to have. "The collegiality of the law faculty here is outstanding. They are national scholars but are still devoted to their teaching," Walsh said. "They are committed to educating students outside of the classroom as well, always giving of their time to meet with students in their offices, to judge moot court competitions, to attend student events."

For 14 of his 18 years as dean, Walsh taught a course on federal courts. The last few years, however, his travel schedule has not allowed him to teach. He said with a twinkle that he hopes the new dean will let him return to teaching that course.

"Of my three lives in the law — as a litigator, professor and dean — on a day-to-day basis, the job of the litigator and the dean are most alike. You are constantly making decisions, moving large masses of paper, making judgments," Walsh said. "There are more highs than lows — if you win a case, there's nothing like it; as a dean if you get that great faculty member, it's the same feeling. But then when people complain about parking or the heat, that's the low part. I'm looking forward to getting back

African American and minority students were having a difficult time with retention when Dean Walsh came to the law school. He quickly recognized the need to recruit, but also to retain, this population. He encouraged an Academic Success Program and paid upper-classman tutors to ensure retention. The program was an open reminder of Dean Walsh's commitment to racial diversity yet, he never said a word or called a news conference to state his views.

Many may criticize Dean Walsh's leadership style and say that the Wake Forest law school should be more visible and vocal about its achievements. Many see the dean as a cheerleader, yelling in a giant megaphone, to boost the school. The judge in me concurs with the majority, and recognizes that there are advantages to tooting one's own horn, and I agree that the law school could benefit from positive press.

However, I know that Dean Robert Walsh achieved the expected end and that he changed Wake Forest law school in positive ways. He did it HIS way, and in the end, I know that the old adage is true, "actions do speak louder than words," and I take this opportunity to salute, and congratulate Dean Robert Walsh on a job well done.

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*21st Judicial District*

to the classroom. As a professor, your time is more your own."

With some of that free time, Walsh is hoping to work on his tennis game. Perhaps he'll have some time for jitterbugging as well. Mike Wells (JD '74) remembers an interesting moment at a leadership conference a few years ago where the evening's entertainment included a beach music band. "Out of the crowd bounds Bob with Kathie in tow, and they broke into this wild jitterbug," Wells remembers with a laugh. "Bob was wearing Bermuda shorts, white socks and tennis shoes. It scared me. I had two of my children with me, and I told them not to look, but it was too late. We need to take up a fund to send Bob to shag dancing school. It was great fun to see this normally buttoned-down, dignified guy out there dancing with abandon."

Perhaps it's that combination of legal expertise and personal charm that has made Walsh so popular with alumni. The search committee saw that in Walsh from the beginning, remembers Davis. "A lot of being successful as a dean is being able to rally support for the institution," he said. "We really felt that the alumni base would like him, and this is exactly what has happened. He focuses on the alumni; he knows a lot of them. He actually likes going to meetings and associating with practicing lawyers."

Bobbi Acord ('86, JD '89), a partner with Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs in Atlanta and a member of the Law Board of Visitors, agreed that Walsh has done an excellent job working with alumni. "Bob is such a good communicator; he's very visible and has networked well with alumni," she

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said. "He and Kathie are wonderful to get to know. We consider him a friend as well as our dean."

Acord said she has been impressed as an employer with how Walsh has improved the school's placement services. "I've really noticed a difference in the professionalism, in the quality of the students and in the increased preparation of the students when they interview," she said. "Bob has worked to attract more firms to recruit on campus, and there's just been an all-around professional, unified approach."

Acord may have a bit of a Wake Forest bias, but even so, she says that Wake Forest students shine in the interview process. "I recruit for our firm, and I've noticed that the Wake Forest students always come prepared. At other schools, you don't see that as much. After I recruit on campus, I always come back and say that Wake Forest students come across so polished and informed."

**W**HEN I WAS ASKED TO OFFER A FACULTY RESPONSE to Bob Walsh's retirement, I thought about sharing something about the dean's personality that those of you who have spent less time with him might not know. As one of the old-timers who preceded Dean Walsh's arrival, I've had eighteen years with him at recruitment conferences, on appointments committees, and at faculty retreats where I've picked up something about his interests and hobbies.

As you might imagine, Bob Walsh loves the law. He stays informed, chatting intelligently with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg about federalism and with Anthony Lewis about military courts. But the law has not consumed the dean. Rather, Bob Walsh has been a renaissance dean. He enjoys theatre, films and fine wine. He plays a mean game of poker, knows as much about sports as any ESPN.com junkie, and loves to sing — a sore point with faculty ever since he made us sing on the bus to and from a faculty retreat. The dean not only loves to sing, he sings quite well, as he proved at the last hooding ceremony over which he presided by singing his charge to the graduating 3Ls to "Climb Every Mountain."

Instead of dwelling on the lesser known, however, I decided to think about a trait that probably everyone who knows the dean has noticed — but I'll offer you the faculty perspective on this well-known Walsh trait. For me, this trait conjured up Jack Palance, not because Dean Walsh shares Palance's skill at one-handed push-ups (which stole the show during Palance's academy award acceptance remarks). No, with the dean's love of film, I knew that he would enjoy a film analogy to illustrate the Walsh trait.

In my favorite scene from "City Slickers," Palance, as Curly, says to the hapless Mitch, played by Billy Crystal:

**Curly:** Do you know what the secret of life is? [holding up one finger] This.

**Mitch:** Your finger?

**Curly:** One thing. Just one thing. You stick to that and the rest don't matter.

**Mitch:** But, what is the "one thing?"

**Curly:** [smiles] That's what you have to find out.

Gary Gough ('68, JD'74) of Pinehurst, chairman of Ames & Gough and president-elect of the Law Alumni Council, said Walsh has made fundraising much easier. "Bob is one person I instantly liked and respected when I met him. I've worked with him on fundraising for the last five years, and with Bob at the helm, he makes what some would consider a distasteful job much easier," Gough said. "He's been a very caring administrator, and he's made the school more of a special experience for students. A lot of times a new administrator is brought in to fix something that's broken, but that's not the case for the new dean of the law school. Bob has left a fantastic legacy."

Professor Ralph Peebles also has high praise for Walsh, perhaps all the more meaningful because Peebles has worked with Walsh not only as a faculty member but also for five years as one of his associate deans. "I was

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Like Curly, Bob Walsh lives by his secrets of life, secrets which he learned from his beloved mother. Like others of you, I hadn't been in the dean's company very long before he quoted his mother and one of her secrets of life: simple, eternal truths that are so important to the dean that he included them in a law review article he wrote to teach new deans how to dean. I don't know all the lessons Bob's wonderful mother taught him, but from the perspective of a member of his faculty, here are three that are surely among Bob's secrets of life for being a great dean.

### **1. If you are an excellent judge of character, use it to surround yourself with an excellent faculty.**

Bob Walsh has excellent judgment about people. He knows it, and he has used it as the Wake Forest law dean, insisting on being involved in the process of most faculty appointments. I'm sure this list is not complete, but look at the people currently on the faculty for whom Bob played a central role in the appointment:

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| • Bobby Chesney    | • Jennifer Collins |
| • Chris Coughlin   | • Mike Curtis      |
| • Tim Davis        | • Ann Gibbs        |
| • Sue Grebeldinger | • Mike Green       |
| • Mark Hall        | • John Knox        |
| • Kate McWhinney   | • Steve Nickles    |
| • Marian Parker    | • Wendy Parker     |
| • Simone Rose      | • Dick Schneider   |
| • Sid Shapiro      | • Kami Simmons     |
| • Omari Simmons    | • Ahmed Taha       |
| • Margaret Taylor  |                    |

What an impressive list. We have Bob to thank for playing a critical role in attracting and hiring this remarkable list of wonderful people.





## 2. Model best behavior and expect it of the people around you.

Even when the four Walsh children were young, I can't imagine any of them throwing a tantrum in the home of Kathie and Bob Walsh. I have a hard time with that image because of how Bob presided over faculty meetings and over faculty life in general. Ever decorous and cheerful, Dean Walsh modeled the best of behavior. As he did, he implicitly expected that behavior from all of us. Bob Walsh made it difficult to be petty, and only rarely did one of us break down into the faculty equivalent of a temper tantrum.

Dean Walsh taught the faculty a lot about how to be collegial. In what has become his trademark for collegiality, Dean Walsh transformed the appointments practice at the first faculty meeting at which he presided over a hiring decision. Dean Walsh asked everyone attending the faculty meeting to speak up about the appointment. To that end, the dean went around the room, inviting each person in turn to express his or her opinion on the candidate being considered. Dean Walsh called the process "laying on table," and more often than not, the sharing of opinions changed minds and forged consensus. Over the eighteen years of his tenure, we followed Dean Walsh's practice for every faculty hiring decision.

As a result of all the ways Dean Walsh modeled best behavior, the Wake Forest law school has become famous for the collegiality of its faculty. The importance of our institutional character is impossible to overstate. In the first place, our collegiality inures to the benefit of the students as we disagree civilly and respectfully about the issues we attempt to resolve in the best interests of the students instead of the best interests of the personalities involved. This trait, which other law schools acknowledge and envy, has enabled us not only to attract the likes of the above list but to retain them — and to retain some of the remarkable faculty members who were here before Bob Walsh became dean. And finally, this celebrated collegiality played a role in the recent success of the dean search committee. The pool of exceptional candidates to be the next dean of Wake Forest law school was deep and wide. Over and over again, the dean search committee heard candidates explain that they responded to their nominations to be in our pool partly because of the law school's reputation as an exceedingly collegial faculty.

Recently at the faculty meeting at which we discussed the finalists in our dean search, Dean Walsh shared the results of reference calls that he had made. He concluded his report and left the meeting, believing that his absence might encourage a more open discussion. In his physical absence, however, his legacy remained. The faculty went around the room — not once, but twice — expressing our respective views about who should be the next dean and how important it was to retain the collegiality that Dean Walsh had been so instrumental in creating.

## 3. Act with integrity.

Again from the experience of our search for a new dean, the members of the dean search committee noticed that the different meetings we held to solicit input from the community reflected a pattern. At faculty retreats, town hall meetings with students, and forums for staff, participants listed different managerial traits and administrative styles, began a wish-list for certain mixes of law practice with legal education, and offered a variety of views about how to tell if someone appreciated the best of the culture of Wake Forest law school. At some point in the discussion, inevitably someone would say, "Oh, yes. Integrity." Then a chorus of participants said, "Oh, sure. And put that one first," and the scribe for the occasion dutifully moved "integrity" to the top of the list.

I knew what was happening at those events. "Integrity" came later in the exchange about what we should look for in the next dean not because it was less important, but because with Dean Walsh, we enjoyed the luxury of taking integrity for granted. With Bob Walsh as dean, integrity goes without saying.

I suppose it would bring a certain symmetry to these thoughts about Dean Walsh's retirement to close with another favorite film and memorable quotation. But I'm otherwise inclined. Instead, I'll end with something else that Bob Walsh appreciates. "Thanks for the memories," Bob. And we'd even sing it to you.

PROFESSOR SUZANNE REYNOLDS JD '77



**F**OR 12 OF THE LAST 18 YEARS I have had the honor of working in the dean's office with Bob Walsh. I believe that I know him pretty well, and I believe that I am on firm ground in saying what I am about to say.

It is easy to be a mediocre law school dean, but it is very hard to be a good one, and for the last 18 years Bob Walsh has been, not just a good dean, but an extraordinary dean. How did he do it?

There are some obvious answers. Bob is a very bright human being. He has a practical, lawyerly intelligence. He knows how to get from "A" to "B," and this comes in handy when you are a dean. Furthermore, Bob has an even disposition. He is not utterly imperturbable, but he knows how to distinguish the sound of a pop gun from the crack of doom, and this too comes in handy when you are running a law school, which is the kind of place where pop guns tend to go off all of the time. Finally, Bob is insightful. Being a good dean requires one to be a good judge of character, and Bob rarely falls short in this department.

But I must tell you that I cannot give Bob credit for any of these good qualities. These gifts of intelligence, temperament, and insight are simply that . . . gifts. The Good Lord invested Bob with them. Bob probably couldn't get rid of them even if he tried; and although I'm glad that he has them, and although I'm glad that he has shared them with the rest of us these last 18 years, I do not feel that we owe him any thanks. The thanks belong elsewhere.

Yet there are two things — two very, very big things — for which we do owe him thanks. These things have been the real keys to his extraordinary success as dean, and these are things for which he deserves all the credit in the world.

on the faculty when Bob came. He's been a very good dean; he's provided stability and a procedural way of deciding things that has been very helpful to us," Peeples said. "We needed a gentle leader, someone non-controversial and transparent, and those are his virtues. Even though it grieves me to say this as a native Southerner, it's those old-fashioned Midwestern virtues of honesty and hard work that make the difference. With Bob, what you see is what you get."

Peeples said he left the associate dean's position with a new respect for how tough it is to be a law school dean. "The operation of the school looks on the outside to be seamless, effortless. It isn't, but that's Bob. When I left the dean's office, I still had the same level of respect for Bob as when I first met him. Wake Forest is a better law school now than it was when he came."

Professor Carol Anderson said Walsh's energy, enthusiasm and initiative are what make him special. "Dean Walsh has been a superb dean because he wakes up in a good mood every morning. In

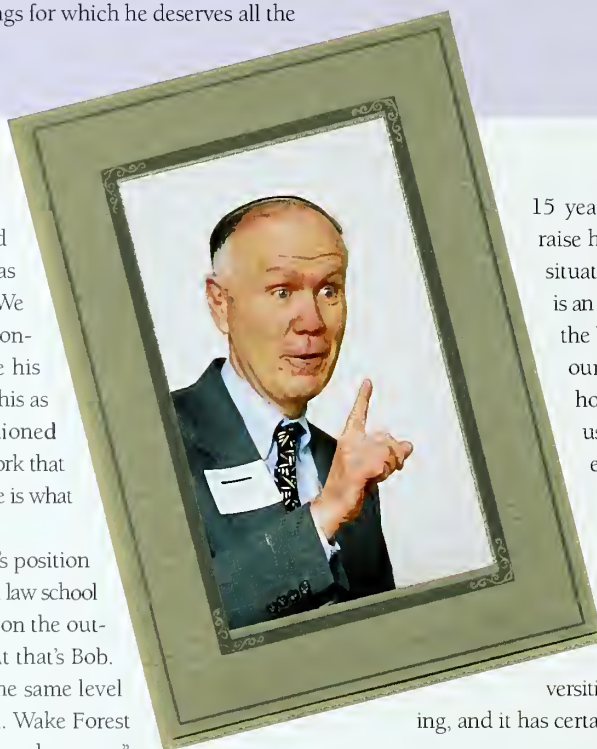
The first is his hard work. I know, probably better than anyone else except for Kathie Walsh, just how hard Bob has worked at making our law school a better place. He has been relentless. He has never rested. I honestly believe that an hour has not passed during these last 18 years when he was not thinking in one way or another about our law school, and very few hours have passed when he was not actively working to move our school forward. This is something that he did not have to do. He did not owe us so much devotion, yet he chose to give it to us anyway. For his hard work I thank him from the bottom of my heart, as should everyone else who loves Wake Forest.

The second thing is related to the first. If Bob has been relentlessly hard working in our cause, he has also been relentlessly positive in his dealings with all of the groups and constituencies that are connected with our school; and his positive approach has lifted us all. There must have been many occasions when he might have chosen a different course. I am certain that there were many occasions when a lesser dean would have chosen a different course. But Bob did not falter. This was his greatest gift to us, in my opinion, the greatest gift that any leader could bestow.

Bob's decision to step down as dean is a bittersweet event in the life of our school. It is bitter because we are losing an extraordinary dean; it is sweet because we have so much to celebrate.

MILES FOY

*Executive Associate Dean and Professor of Law*



15 years, I've never seen him frown, heard him raise his voice, or fail to see the bright side of any situation, no matter how dire. That, in my mind, is an essential quality for a dean," she said. "He puts the best face possible on this great institution of ours and has been 'head cheerleader for the home team' all across America. The benefits to us are incalculable. Dean Walsh is a tireless worker. His heart belongs to WFU Law 24/7."

Walsh may be leaving the dean's office, but his heart will still belong to Wake Forest. "Wake Forest is built around the idea of education that cares about each individual student. There is a whole sense of community here that is very different from other national universities," Walsh said. "Wake Forest was a siren calling, and it has certainly lived up to my expectations." ♪



## PROFESSOR BLAKE MORANT SELECTED AS DEAN OF WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

PROFESSOR BLAKE D. MORANT, a distinguished scholar and national leader in legal education, has been appointed by President Nathan Hatch to the deanship of Wake Forest University School of Law. With this step, the School of Law advances its long-standing commitment to providing an outstanding legal education characterized by small classes, a highly-productive and collegial faculty, the cultivation of high ethical and professional standards, and an embrace of an increasingly diverse and interconnected world.

Blake Morant is currently the Roy L. Steinheimer, Jr. Professor of Law and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Washington & Lee University School of Law, where he previously served as Director of the Frances Lewis Law Center. In keeping with the Wake Forest teacher-scholar model, Professor Morant has distinguished himself both in his teaching and his scholarship. He has won many teaching awards and has published extensively on topics including contract theory, media law, and administrative law. He is the first American to deliver the Annual Thomas More Commemorative Lecture at St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury, England. Professor Morant has deep roots in both academia and the practicing bar, having served in a wide range of professional contexts including the American Bar Association Committee on Diversity (of which he has been vice chair), the editorial board of the *Journal of Legal Education*, the Professional Development Committee of the Association of American Law Schools, and the Virginia Supreme Court's Task Force to Study Gender Bias in Virginia Courts.

Professor Morant was born and raised in Hampton, Virginia. He attended the University of Virginia on an R.O.T.C. scholarship, receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant, United States Army, upon graduation in 1975. He then enrolled in the law school at Virginia, and upon graduation in 1978 served for a number of years at the rank of Captain in the Army's Judge Advocate General Corps. He received an honorable discharge in 1985 and was awarded the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal — First Oak Leaf Cluster.

Following his military service, Professor Morant spent seven years practicing law in Washington, DC,

first in private practice and then with the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority. His academic career began in 1988 and has included positions with American University's Washington College of Law, the University of Toledo College of Law, the University of Michigan Law School, the University of Alabama School of Law, and, most recently, Washington & Lee University School of Law. Professor Morant also has been a visiting fellow of University College, Oxford.

Professor Morant's wife, Paulette (P.J.), grew up in Norfolk, Virginia, and has taught Spanish at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, and in high schools in North Carolina, Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio. P.J. and Blake met as undergraduate students at the University of Virginia and share many interests, including volunteer work with civic and church organizations, a love of tennis, and music. In fact, as service to the community, Blake regularly serves as cantor at a local church.

Wake Forest President Nathan O. Hatch announced Morant's appointment on May 15, 2007.

"I could not be more delighted with the appointment of Blake Morant as dean of the School of Law," Hatch said. "In succeeding Dean Walsh, Professor Morant inherits a law school that occupies a special place at Wake Forest, in our state, and in our nation, and certainly is highly regarded in the legal academy. I am confident that Professor Morant will continue and build upon this legacy at the law school, so ably led by Bob Walsh these many years."

Professor Morant offered these thoughts in connection with his selection: "The Wake Forest University School of Law has garnered considerable esteem in the legal academy thanks to its unique blend of outstanding students, a gifted faculty of teacher-scholars, an amazingly dedicated staff, and superb leadership spearheaded by the legendary Dean Robert K. Walsh. I consider it a privilege and honor to join this special community as its new dean and look forward to contributing to the law school's fine tradition of excellence."

Justice Elizabeth B. Lacy, of the Supreme Court of Virginia, observed that Professor Morant has an "outstanding ability to connect with and



understand people." Robert Grey, a past president of the American Bar Association, noted that he "is loved by students, respected by faculty and has handled himself well as an outstanding law school administrator." Carl Monk, the executive director of the Association of American Law Schools, added that Blake Morant "is already a significant leader in legal education nationally."

Blake Morant served as associate dean for David Partlett, former dean of Washington & Lee law school and current dean of Emory law school. Dean Partlett stated that he has "the utmost admiration for Blake" and sees in Morant and Wake Forest law school "the perfect match." David B. Wilkins, Kirkland and Ellis Professor at the Harvard Law School, declared that Morant "will place Wake Forest at the forefront of law schools that are seeking to forge a new partnership between the academy and the profession. He is the perfect person to prepare students, faculty, and alumni to confront the challenges — and appreciate the opportunities — of being a lawyer in the increasingly diverse, competitive, and global legal services market of the twenty-first century."

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Professor Richard Brooks of the Yale Law School commented, "This is an absolutely wonderful choice. Blake is a thoughtful and generous colleague, who will bring warmth and distinction to the post. His openness to ideas and persons will surely foster an engaging scholarly community that admits (or better, welcomes) wide ranging perspectives."

Larry Sitton, a partner with Smith Moore LLP and a graduate of both the Wake Forest law school and college, observed that "Blake Morant's past experience as a JAG officer and a practicing attorney, in addition to his outstanding record as a law school professor and administrator, equips him with the perfect blend of professional knowledge and skill to lead Wake Forest law school to the next level. Blake understands and appreciates the uniqueness of Wake Forest School of Law and will work well with all of the law school's constituencies — faculty, students, staff and alumni."

Dean Robert K. Walsh commented that he "talked to a great number of national leaders in legal education about Blake Morant during the

search process. These are friends whose opinions I value highly. They universally sang Blake's praises as someone who is a natural leader and has good academic values, high integrity, a sense of humor, and wonderful people skills. After having met and talked with Blake, I believe that we have been lucky enough to attract someone who will be a great dean for the next stage in the development of the law school we all love."

The selection of Blake Morant is the culmination of an exhaustive nationwide search involving hundreds of candidates, conducted under the leadership of Professor Suzanne Reynolds of the School of Law.

## Presidential Contender and Beloved Professor are Spring "Conversation With" Guests

**F**ORMER SENATOR JOHN EDWARDS and our own Professor Steve Nickles were the guests for this spring's "Conversation With" series which brings role model legal professionals to the law school to speak about their professional lives in an informal, interview-style format.

### BRIEFS

The Black Law Student Association held the 22nd Annual Scholarship Banquet on February 16. Dennis Coleman, a sports and entertainment lawyer from Ropes & Gray, was the keynote speaker.

Philip Anderson, a former president of the American Bar Association, was a guest speaker at the law school on February 28. The title of his talk was "The Death and Life of Great American Lawyers: A Study in Professionalism."

A. E. Dick Howard, the White Burkett Miller Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, returned to our law school for a presentation to students on "The Supreme Court from Warren to Roberts."

The Wake Forest Law Review held its 20th Annual Business Law Symposium entitled, "The Duties of a Modern Corporate Executive" on Friday, March 30, 2007. The Symposium addressed the changing duties of the modern corporate executive, including legal pressures and constraints that affect them and how the law correlates to the context of these restraints. The articles presented will be



Philip Anderson

published in the Fall 2007 issue of the *Wake Forest Law Review*.

- ✧ The Right Honourable Lord Harry Woolf of Barnes, the former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, and his wife, Lady Marguerite Woolf, a local Justice of the Peace in England, were guests of the law school. On April 4, Lady Woolf gave an informal talk entitled, "British Law at the Local Level." Lord Woolf's lecture "Independence, Not Isolation, of the Judiciary" was on April 5.

- ✧ Professor Thomas McGarity gave the Graylyn Faculty Lecture on April 5. Professor McGarity holds the Lozano-Long Endowed Chair in Administrative Law at the University of Texas. The title of his talk was "Bending Science: How Advocates Manipulate Science in Courts and Agencies and Why They Get Away With It."

- ✧ The panel of judges for the 2007 Walker Moot Court Competition included Robert Edmunds, Justice of the NC Supreme Court; John Martin, Chief Judge of the NC Court of Appeals; and William Osteen, District Judge for the Middle District of NC.



A. E. Dick Howard





*John Edwards responds to a question posed by Executive Associate Dean Miles Foy.*

John Edwards spoke at Wait Chapel to an enthralled crowd of over 2300 students, faculty and guests at this semester's first "Conversation With" program in late January. Executive Associate Dean Miles Foy smoothly navigated Edwards through questions about his modest early years as the child of a textile worker, his decision to attend law school at UNC-Chapel Hill, his impressive career as a trial lawyer, his service as a U.S. Senator and his ambitions as a presidential contender.

Edwards also shared his views on many of the issues that he had focused on during his first month of official campaigning for the 2008 presidential election including global warming, HIV/AIDS and the conflict in Darfur. Stressing the need for a greater US role in these and other international issues, Edwards stated, "You can't choose when you want to be a leader. You are either a leader or you are not a leader." He declared that the most pressing job facing the next president would be re-establishing that role as one of a respected world leader. Edwards also spoke passionately about domestic issues such as poverty and announced that his plan for a universal health-care coverage policy would be forthcoming.

Professor Steve Nickles, the second spring "Conversation With" guest, was interviewed by third-year student, John Mitchell, in an overflowing auditorium at the Worrell Professional Center. Professor Nickles holds a joint appointment at the law school and the Babcock School of Management as the C. C. Hope Chair in Financial Services and Law. He is also an associated professor at the Wake Forest Divinity School. Professor Nickles writes extensively in the area of commercial law.

Professor Nickles told stories of his life, his love

of teaching, his influential friends, and his service to the community and country. One of his stories was about a friend who mentioned off-handedly at a gathering during their college days that he was going to be president of the United States — and years later this friend, Bill Clinton, fulfilled this promise. Nickles was ultimately nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the U. S. Senate to the IRS Oversight Board.

Professor Nickles is heavily involved in efforts throughout Wake Forest to develop and

use technology for both educational and professional purposes. He told the audience that he has 11 computers operating in his house.

Before coming to Wake Forest, Nickles taught at the University of Minnesota Law School and the law schools at the University of Texas and the University of Arkansas. As Nickles closed his remarks, he praised Wake Forest students and told them that "of all the students he's taught, Wake Forest students measure right there at the top."



*Professor Steve Nickles speaks to students about his interesting professional career and his love of teaching.*

## PROFESSOR JOHN KNOX TO JOIN LAW SCHOOL FACULTY

PROFESSOR JOHN KNOX has been a visiting professor for the 2006-07 year, and will be joining the regular Wake Forest faculty as of the fall 2007 semester. He teaches International Human Rights, International Trade Law, and a seminar on International Environmental Law, as well as Property Law. His scholarship is in the field of international law, including international environmental law, international trade law, and the intersection of those fields. In 2003, he was awarded the Francis Deak Prize, established to honor a younger author who has made a "meritorious contribution to international legal scholarship." From 1999 to 2001 and from 2003 to 2005, he chaired an EPA national advisory committee on North American environmental cooperation.

Professor Knox graduated from Rice University magna cum laude in 1984, and with honors from Stanford Law School in 1987. He then clerked for Judge Joseph T. Sneed of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, spent five years as an attorney-adviser at the Department of State, four years in private practice in Austin, Texas, and taught at Penn State for eight years, from 1998-2006, before coming to Wake Forest. He is married to Julie Winterich, and they have three daughters.

We welcome John, Julie and their girls to our Wake Forest family!



## FACULTY NOTES

CAROL ANDERSON, Director of Trial Practice and the Litigation Clinic, assisted the American Association for Justice (AAJ) Trial Teams and the National Trial Teams in their preparations to compete nationally this semester. All of the teams performed extremely well, with the AAJ Teams placing second and fifth (out of sixteen teams) in the regional competition and one of the National Teams advancing from the regional to the national competition held at the end of March in Houston, TX. Professor Anderson gives credit for these impressive results to the alumni coaches who volunteered hours of their time to work with the teams. The coaches were Kim Stevens and Matt Breeding (AAJ Team) and Danielle Williams and Stephanie Reese (National Team).

BOBBY CHESNEY traveled in January to the military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay in the company of the Pentagon's General Counsel on what might best be described as an inspection tour for outside experts. In early February, he gave a lecture to the Law of War course at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School concerning the latest developments in litigation relating to the Guantanamo detainees. He has given similar lectures recently to groups of students and alumni and to a lunch meeting of the Forsyth County Bar Association, and also participated in a panel on this topic at Duke Law School. At the end of March, Professor Chesney participated in an interdisciplinary symposium at Case Western Reserve University on the topic of "Sacred Violence: Religion and Terrorism." His article "Beyond Conspiracy? Anticipatory Prosecution and the Challenge of Unaffiliated Terrorism" has just been published by the *Southern California Law Review*, and his articles "Disaggregating Deference: Hamdan, the Judicial Power, and Executive Treaty Interpretations" and "State Secrets and the Limits of National Security Litigation" are forthcoming this summer in the *Iowa Law Review* and *George Washington Law Review*, respectively.

JENNIFER COLLINS' latest article, "Lady Madonna, Children at Your Feet: The Criminal Justice System's Romanticization of the Parent-Child Relationship," has been accepted for publication by the *Iowa Law Review*. In April, she attended a conference about promoting children's interests at Harvard Law School. In June, she attended the

AALS mid-year meeting in Vancouver, where she served as one of four co-hosts and organizers for the first annual gathering of junior family law scholars from law schools across the country.

MICHAEL KENT CURTIS' article, "Lincoln, The Constitution of Necessity, and the Necessity of Constitutions: A Reply to Professor Paulsen," was recently published in the *University of Maine Law Review*. The article discusses the view that a constitutional doctrine of necessity frees presidents from almost all constitutional limits in times of grave crisis.

TIMOTHY DAVIS presented a paper at a symposium, "Amateur and Professional Sports: Emerging Legal Issues," sponsored by the *University of Missouri at Kansas City Law Review* in early April. He also recently attended a meeting of the Contracts Drafting Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

MAUREEN EGGERT spoke on "Internet Research Tools without the Expense," at the North Carolina Bar Association General Practice, Small Firm and Solo Section annual meeting in April.

MIKI FELSENBURG was named the Public Member of the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS). ABNS is an advocate for consumer protection by establishing specialty nursing certification.

SHANNON GILREATH spoke at the University of Akron in March at a conference on gay rights issues sponsored by the University of Akron and the ACLU of Ohio. Professor Gilreath also spoke this spring at UNC Law School on the subject of "Getting to Equal Protection," based on his article recently published in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Social Change*. His book, *Sexual Politics*, has also received its second award nomination, the Lambda Literary Foundation Award for Non-fiction. Professor Gilreath's innovative new casebook, *Sexual Identity Law in Context: Cases and Materials*, was released by West Law Publishing in April, and his latest article, "Sexually Speaking: 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' and the First Amendment after *Lawrence v. Texas*," appears in the spring issue of the *Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy*.

MIKE GREEN moderated the Torts and Compensation Systems Program at the AALS in January. This program focused on a book which Professor Green participated in drafting entitled *Principles of European Tort Law* (2005). In December, he and his co-reporter Bill Powers attended the ALI Council meeting to present the latest draft, which covers liability for emotional harm. That draft was approved at the ALI annual meeting in May. At the end of March, he made a presentation at the LSU Law School on Federal Tort Reform.

MARK HALL gave the Fallon-Friedlander Endowed Lecture at the University of Chicago on "The Law, History and Ethics of Medical Fees" in February. His article on "Measuring Trust in Medical Research" was published in the journal *Medical Care*. In addition, Professor Hall published an article entitled "Paying For What You Get And Getting What You Pay For: Legal Responses To Consumer-Driven Health Care" in *Law and Contemporary Problems*. He spoke at the American Enterprise Institute on the performance of the market for individual (non-group) health insurance, at the University of Toronto Law School on "An Essentialist View of Health Care Law," and at Georgetown University Law School on "Patients' Legal Obligations to Pay their Medical Bills."

SALLY IRVIN was a featured speaker at Wake Forest School of Medicine's Red Dress Event in February. The event was co-sponsored by the Medical Schools' Hypertension and Vascular Research Center and the American Heart Association. As a woman living with heart disease, Sally speaks to many groups about women's heart disease which is the number one killer of women in America today.

JOHN KORZEN submitted a paper and spoke about appellate issues at the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers Medical Malpractice Seminar in Raleigh on March 30. The title of his paper was "Appealing in a Time of Procedural Conservatives." Professor Korzen has also had an eventful semester with his Appellate Advocacy clinic students. First, he and the students (31s Pam Buskirk, Suzanne Caylor, Meghan Poirier, Jen Selin, and Jose Vega) attended oral arguments at the United States Supreme Court in February.



One of the cases argued that day involved an issue identical to one in a case that Pam and Jen have worked on, *Thomas v. United States*, which is on hold at the Supreme Court. Next, Suzanne argued an appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, in Richmond, in March. The case, *Atkinson v. Sellers*, involves an employment discrimination claim under Title VII. Jose worked on the briefs with Suzanne and helped with oral argument preparation. Finally, Meghan wrote a brief and argued to the Fourth Circuit in the case of *Mooney v. United States*, where the issue is whether trial counsel provided ineffective assistance.

KATE MEWHINNEY, who manages The Elder Law Clinic, was an invited speaker at the University of Connecticut Law School's 14th Gallivan Conference, "When We're 64: How Should Property Law Respond to Living Arrangements for the Golden Years?" She has joined the N.C. State Bar's Ethics Committee and is currently the Chair of the Section on Aging and the Law of the Association of American Law Schools.

SUSAN MONTAQUILA spoke on an international law panel presentation made by the International Law and Practice Section of the North Carolina Bar Association in January at Elon School of Law. Other members of the panel were Peter Evenson, Tuggle, Duggins & Meschan; Albert Guarnieri, Parker Poe; and Scott Hile, American Efird, Inc.

JOEL NEWMAN'S piece, "Slinking Away From Twinkie Taxes," appeared in the December 25, 2006 issue of *Tax Notes*. His essay, "On Displacement, or the Dissing of Places," was published in the Spring 2007 issue of the *Wake Forest Law Review*. He also provided written commentary on three drafts of a law establishing a Bar for the Ukraine, pursuant to the ABA Rule of Law Initiative Program. Professor Newman was recently appointed to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for Forsyth County.

ALAN PALMITER'S article, "The Mutual Fund Board: A Failed Experiment in Regulatory Outsourcing," was published this fall in the inaugural edition of the *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial & Commercial Law*. The article has been featured in industry publications. In September, Palmiter participated in a symposium at Columbia Law School on "Gatekeepers Today: The Professions after the Reforms," which looked at the functioning of lawyers, accountants and other profes-

sionals since the Sarbanes-Oxley reforms of 2002. In February, Palmiter presented the "recent developments update" at the annual meeting of the Business Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association in Pinehurst. In March, Palmiter moderated the *Law Review's* 20th Annual Business Law Symposium on "The Duties of a Modern Corporate Executive." Besides presentations by business and law academics, the symposium included the novelty of a dialogue between two sitting Delaware judges (Vice Chancellor Lamb and Justice Holland). In May, he participated in a symposium at the University of Delaware's Corporate Governance Center on "Backdating of Stock Options," commenting on whether executives and boards had violated a "duty of obedience" when they failed to comply with various requirements on stock option grants. Palmiter recently completed the 6th edition of *Corporations: Law & Policy*, along with his co-authors Jeff Bauman of Georgetown and Frank Partnoy of San Diego. This spring, Palmiter wraps up a two-year term as faculty representative to the Academic Committee of the university's Board of Trustees. He also served on the university-wide search committee for a new associate provost for international affairs, whose responsibilities will include overseeing the Wake Forest "quality enhancement plan" to create greater international opportunities throughout the university.

SUZANNE REYNOLDS participated in the annual meeting of the Family Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association in April at Wrightsville Beach. She gave an update on recent cases on child custody, child support, separation agreements, and adoption.

SIMONE ROSE was a presenter in April at a symposium held at North Carolina Central Law School on "Stem Cells: Diffusing the Rhetoric." Her topic was "Stem Cells and Semi-Conductor Chip Devices: New Bottles for New Wine"

SIDNEY SHAPIRO was one of the participants at a workshop at the European Union in Brussels in February. The workshop involved a discussion between EU officials and the authors of a forthcoming book on EU administrative law to be published by the American Bar Association. He was also one of the speakers for a program on federal preemption at the mid-winter meeting of the Administrative Law and Practice Section of the American Bar Association.

Professor Shapiro recently wrote a paper for a workshop held at the University of Florida on "The Next Generation of Environmental Law" and another paper for a workshop on "Corporations and Political Power" held at the University of North Carolina. Professor Shapiro presented a distinguished lecture at the William Mitchell School of Law in April. His topic was "How Should We Analyze the Value of Regulation (and of Life)?" Also in April, he participated in a symposium at the Lewis & Clark Law School where his topic was "Science, Politics & Law: Should OMB Superintend Regulatory Science?"

GEORGE WALKER spoke on "Agreements to Arbitrate — What They Are and What They Are Not," also published as chapter 7 in *North Carolina Bar Foundation, From A to M — Arbitration and Mediation in North Carolina* (2007), at the North Carolina Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section annual meeting in March. In late February, Professor Walker accompanied the international law moot court team to the regional competition at George Mason University in Arlington, Va. The team of five 2Ls — Jennifer Avriett, Mike Kerr, Kristen Lewis, Sarah Nichols and Whitney Passmore — swept the preliminary rounds. Lewis & Clark, which later won the regional competition and advanced to the international quarterfinals in Washington, defeated Wake Forest in the quarterfinal round.

RON WRIGHT has been traveling lately, for research and service projects. In January, he attended a conference in Germany, sponsored by the Max Planck Institute, dealing with possible structures for a new European Union Prosecutor Service. In February, he presented some research on prosecutor declinations to the faculty at the University of Georgia, and in March he attended an Advisory Board meeting for the Prosecution and Racial Justice Project of the Vera Institute. Professor Wright published a new edition of his *Criminal Procedure* casebook this spring. He and Professor Mark Hall agreed to publish in the *California Law Review* their co-authored article about the use of a classic social science tool — "content analysis" — to analyze judicial opinions. He also traveled to Salt Lake City in May to present research about federal sentencing statistics to federal judges and practicing attorneys.

# THOMAS M. STEELE

June 4, 1948–March 27, 2007

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007, Wake Forest School of Law lost a treasured member of our community, Professor Thomas M. Steele. Tom began his career at Wake Forest in 1985 as the director of law library services and associate professor of law at Carswell Hall. He became the director of the Professional Center Library in 1993 with the move to the Worrell Professional Center for Law and Management and continued as its director until 1999. Tom had been a professor of law since 1991. He was married to LeAnn Steele, the law school registrar, and they have four children. Professor Steele was a beloved teacher and colleague and will be sorely missed by his friends at the law school and the Wake Forest community.

## Kathy J. Hines, Assistant to the Dean

I FIRST KNEW TOM STEELE IN 1983, before he came to Wake Forest. Over the past few years, even before the passing of Tom, I have been quietly thinking on some of the occasions that he and I shared. Now those remembrances flood my mind, and Tom's big smile is etched in my memory.

Our paths first crossed one spring day in March of 1983. Tom was law librarian and associate professor of law at the University of Mississippi, and I, having graduated from Ole Miss several months earlier, was in his office interviewing for the position of senior secretary. I don't remember much about that interview except that Tom, as you can imagine, did most of the talking. I, however, do remember my excitement when he phoned and offered me the position.

At Ole Miss, Tom was much more than my supervisor. From the beginning of our working together, he acted as a friend, guidance counselor, mentor, and at times, a walking encyclopedia. He seemed to know a lot about everything. While he was a great law librarian and dedicated professor, he was exceptionally kind. He loved his family.

During that time in Oxford, Mississippi, Tom saw things as they were, and I saw things as they should be. In retrospect and unbeknownst to me, I believe he tried blending the two thoughts together, and we escaped the thinking of the status quo in that Southern town. We lunched on the porches of the bed and breakfasts, and he introduced me to Oxford Square.

In 1985, Tom accepted the position of director of library services and associate professor of law at Wake Forest. He continued to be thoughtful. He asked me whether I wanted to move to North Carolina and be his secretary there. I was very thankful for this generous offer and even more excited than in 1983. Without hesitation, I accepted.

Many more years would pass and, although I moved to another position in the law school, Tom and I continued our friendship. He made it a



point, without fail, to keep in touch if only by phone. We would talk about Godly matters and basically "the weather." He mentioned that he would get me a copy of a Bible that was written in chronological order. Tom used to call me a "Cracker Jack" secretary and at times would remind me of that, and of course, he took the credit for it.

During one of our last conversations, while I sat and listened to him, I discerned someone with great humility, which is a great honor in the sight of God. My life is better having known Tom Steele. He always went the extra mile on my behalf.

## Justin R. Nifong (JD '07)

TOM STEELE SYMBOLIZED ALL THAT IS GREAT about Wake Forest, the students and the community. He was hardworking, humble and,

most importantly, honest. You could not pass him in the hallway without receiving his warm and uplifting smile.

But first and foremost, he was an educator. He enjoyed teaching, from his Sunday School class to his law classes. Not a day passed where he did not spread his wisdom, experience and intuition with the world.

I had the good fortune of having Professor Steele for several classes, and I know that long after I have forgotten insurance law, law practice management or local government, I will still remember those intangible non-classroom related skills that Professor Steele instilled within us. He taught us to be respectful of others, to approach each problem with a fresh outlook and to live each day as if we wanted to be remembered by it.

Each semester, Professor Steele would take his classes to lunch so that he could associate with his students and gain another hour to teach them about life's intricacies. This was his way of attaining that last additional moment with his students and leaving a lasting impression that we, as students, could always take forward.



Teaching was Professor Steele's passion and his expertise. While none of us will ever be the teacher, mentor or advisor that Tom Steele was, we can maintain his legacy by continually learning and sharing our knowledge with others — the way Professor Steele did each and every day.

### Professor Richard (Dick) Schneider

THERE'S A MOMENT IN THE LONG STORY "A River Runs Through It" by Norman Maclean when the narrator wonders about the fit between fishing and the world. He says that "something within fishermen tries to make fishing into a world perfect and apart." He doesn't "know what it is or where, because sometimes it is in my arms and sometimes in my throat and sometimes nowhere in particular except somewhere deep." He concludes, "Many of us probably would be better fishermen if we did not spend so much time watching and waiting for the world to become perfect."

I'm sure that somewhere in Tom Steele there was that world "somewhere deep" but Tom never let the existence of that place prevent him from taking every advantage of the world that was on the surface, glimmering and beckoning. Tom didn't watch and wait for the "world to become perfect." He went out and tried to change it or, if he couldn't, he enjoyed it. Wonderfully, richly — even by enjoying it or maybe especially by enjoying it — he changed it.

How did Tom change the world? He changed it by his faithfulness to his friends and family. Tom inspired his students and gained the admiration and respect of his colleagues. He was always ready to show his unpredictable side. He was always ready to fish or to talk about fishing or to eat the fruits of his fishing. Tom's interests ranged widely and his enthusiasm rubbed off on all of us. I never would have read "A River Runs Through It" without Tom's evangelism about fishing which he conveyed to me personally as well as to my children. Tom had many, many gifts, and he loved to share his excitement about the world with anyone who would listen or sit still.

Tom, this unique and wonderful man, brokered our collective consciousness at the law school and embodied a natural equilibrium between work and play, duty and pleasure, integrity and creativity. His death this spring leaves an emptiness in the building and in each of us who knew him, worked with him, and learned from him, yet he gave us the tools to realize that the legacy he truly leaves is one of simple joy and great generosity.

### Executive Associate Dean Miles Foy

I WANT TO PRAISE TOM STEELE, but mostly I want to thank him, for reasons which I will explain.

There are so many things that I could say. I could speak of his courage in facing, over many, many years, both the shadow and the reality of serious physical illness. He did this with a grace that belongs only to the brave.

I could praise him also for his sense of duty. Only one month before he died, to give one small example, he informed me that he intended to grade the papers his students were writing in his Law Practice Management class. He said that he would do this promptly from his hospital bed. This was a crazy idea, as I think about it now, but I must tell you that somehow, somewhere between the ward and the ICU, Tom did it. He graded those

papers. The job was his, in his view, and he was determined to do his duty.

I could tell you about other conversations that Tom and I had during the weeks and days before he died. I could tell you about the warm light that would come into his face when he spoke lovingly of his children and LeAnn and her courage and determination in the difficult circumstances they were facing. And I could tell you about lighter things — about our speculations concerning the coming of the spring, and the renewal of the earth, and the right time for plowing and planting, and the prospect of sitting again on a tractor and surveying the tender land, a thing that Tom dearly loved to do.

I do want to remember and praise Tom Steele for all of these good things, but most of all, as I have said, I want to thank him. I want to thank him for his humanity and for the gift of his humanity to all of us. What exactly do I mean by this?

All of us, being human, possess "humanity" in some sense, but Tom Steele had a larger dose of it than most of us do. This quality expressed itself in so many delightful, useful, and redeeming ways. His eccentricities were, of course, legendary, and they reflected a richness of personality that few can claim. His love of people, and of feeding them, was well known. (If we ever erect a statue to Tom, we will have to be put it behind the law school among the picnic tables, where he entertained so many of us and so many students over the years.) More importantly, Tom understood in his bones that there are things that work against humanity, even in Forsyth County, even in institutions as gentle and good as our University and our law school, and Tom's humanity always opposed those things relentlessly: hypocrisy, pretension, self-importance, ambition, carelessness, unconcern. Tom Steele was humane. That was his great gift to us.

Let me tell you a story about Tom's humanity to me. Tom worried about me, I think. He thought that I didn't get out enough. He would bring me books to read, humorous books. He would regal me with colorful stories about this and that. He would do this because he thought that I needed it, and usually he was right. Years ago, one weekday morning, Tom stuck his head into my office and said, "Miles, let's go fishing." It was a beautiful day in the spring. And I, who am no fisherman, said, "OK, Tom, let's go." And so we did. We got into Tom's old van, which was crammed with fishing gear and all kinds of stuff, and we headed west and north over the rolling countryside of the Piedmont towards the Blue Ridge Mountains. We were playing hooky.

I had no idea where we were going, but on the way we talked about many wonderful things, none of them related to work or to the practical concerns of life. We stopped at a little country store at the foot of the mountains and purchased fishing licenses. Tom knew the storekeeper, of course, and he talked the storekeeper into giving us a discount on the licenses, probably against regulation. Then we purchased some cheese crackers and some soft drinks, got back into the van, and arrived in due course by the banks of the most beautiful mountain stream you have ever seen. We spent the rest of that day by the stream, occasionally walking up and down, assessing our prospects, occasionally wetting a line. We encountered no fish whatever, but that was not the point, after all; and at the end of the day Tom was well satisfied. He knew that he had done what he wanted to do. He had extended his humanity, and he had caught and helped a friend.

For that act of kindness, for all of the humane things that Tom did for me and all of the rest of us over the years, I am immensely grateful. 🐟

## ALUMNI NOTES

### 1940

ARCHIE L. SMITH (JD '40) celebrated his 90th birthday in July. He attends all the Wake Forest football and basketball games, including the ACC Championship in Jacksonville and the Orange Bowl in Miami.

### 1948

BERNARD B. HOLLOWELL (JD '48) and his wife, Marybelle, are proud of their grandson, Matthew E. Lee (JD '06), who is practicing law in New Bern, NC.

### 1959

S.J. WEBSTER JR. (JD '59) received the 2006 Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award from the Town of Madison, NC.

### 1963

ASHLEY L. HOGWOOD JR. ('61, JD '63) is with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was recognized as a North Carolina "Super



Ashely L. Hogewood Jr.

Lawyer" by *Law & Politics* in real estate.

### 1964

LARRY B. SITTON ('61, JD '64) is with Smith Moore LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named to the Chambers USA's 2007 list of "America's Leading Business Lawyers" in litigation and to North Carolina's "Super Lawyers" in business litigation.

### 1966

JAMES T. WILLIAMS JR. ('62, JD '66) is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC.



James T. Williams Jr.

He has been named one of the top ten North Carolina "Super Lawyers" in business litigation.

### 1967

M. DANIEL MCGINN ('64, JD '67) is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of North



M. Daniel McGinn

Carolina's "Super Lawyers" in employment and labor law.

### 1968

J. DONALD COWAN JR. ('65, JD '68)

is with Smith Moore LLP in Raleigh, NC. He is listed as one of the 2007 Chambers USA's "America's Leading Business Lawyers" in litigation and one of the top ten North Carolina "Super Lawyers" in business litigation.

GERARD H. DAVIDSON JR. ('65, JD '68) is with Smith Moore LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of North Carolina's "Super Lawyers" in class action and mass torts law.

### 1970

ROBERT HANNAH (JD '70) is deputy attorney general and chief counsel in the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Florida in Tallahassee.

ROBERT C. STEPHENS ('67, JD '70) is president-elect of the Mecklenburg County Bar and has been named one of the "Legal



Robert C. Stephens

Elite" in construction law by *Business North Carolina*.

### 1971

M. JAY DEVANEY ('69, JD '71)

practices commercial real estate law and land-use litigation with Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier PLLC in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of North Carolina's "Super Lawyers" by *Law & Politics*.

EDDIE SPEAS ('67, JD '71) practices litigation with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been included in the 2007 "Legal Elite" by *Business North Carolina*.

### 1972

CARL W. HIBBERT ('70, JD '72) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" in estate planning and probate law.



Carl W. Hibbert



**HOWARD L. WILLIAMS** (JD '72) is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of North Carolina's "Super Lawyers" in business/corporate law.



Howard L. Williams

America" for personal injury litigation.

## 1976

**CATHARINE B. ARROWOOD** ('73, JD '76) is with Parker Poe Adams &

Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, NC. She was recognized as a Top 50 Female North Carolina "Super

Lawyer" by Law & Politics in business litigation and named one of the "Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America."



Catharine B. Arrowood

**THOMAS HILL DAVIS JR.** (JD '76) is on the board of directors for the Wake County Bar Association and the 10th Judicial District Bar. He is a partner with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC, and has been named a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" by Law & Politics and Charlotte magazines.

**DAN TAYLOR** (JD '76) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He was recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" in business litigation.



Dan Taylor

## 1977

**JOSLIN DAVIS** (JD '77) is one of Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite" and has been named a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" in family law. She is a shareholder of Davis & Harwell PA in Winston-Salem.



Joslin Davis

**JACK H. DERRICK** (JD '77) has retired as senior counsel for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., Central Telephone

Co. and other Embarq Corporation companies in North and South Carolina. He and his wife, Dagmar, live in Wake Forest, NC.



A. Grant Whitney Jr.

## 1979

**A. GRANT WHITNEY JR.** ('76, JD '79) is with

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" by Law & Politics in real estate.

## 1980

**HOWARD L. BORUM** (JD '80) has been named to Business North Carolina's 2007 "Legal Elite" in real estate.



Howard L. Borum

**CAROLE W. BRUCE** (JD '80) is with Smith Moore LLP in Greensboro, NC. She has been named one of North Carolina's "Super Lawyers" in tax law.

## STEPHEN D.

**COLES** ('77, JD '80) is with Brinkley Walser PLLC in Lexington, NC. He has been included in "The Best Lawyers in America" for personal injury litigation.



Stephen D. Coles

## 1981

**TERRI L. GARDNER** ('78, JD '81) is with Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. She has been recognized by Business North Carolina in the 2007 "Legal Elite" as the top bankruptcy lawyer in the state.

**ROBERT L. WILSON JR.** (JD '81) is with Smith Moore LLP in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of North Carolina's "Super Lawyers" in health care.

## 1982

**CYNTHIA COLLINS ALLNER** (JD '82) is a partner of Miles & Stockbridge PC in Baltimore, MD. She has been elected chairwoman of the board of directors for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Baltimore office.



Cynthia Collins Allner

## 1974

**RON PERKINSON** (JD '74) has a practice, Perkinson Mediations, in Sanford, NC. He has been named one of "The Best Lawyers in America" for alternative dispute resolution.



Ron Perkinson

## 1975

**HARVEY L. COSPER JR.** (JD '75) is with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, NC. He was recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" by Law & Politics for personal injury defense, medical.



Harvey L. Cosper Jr.

**D. CLARK SMITH JR.** ('72, JD '75) is with Brinkley Walser PLLC in Lexington, NC. He has been included in "The Best Lawyers in



D. Clark Smith Jr.



Gary K. Joyner

GARY K. JOYNER (JD '82) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was recognized as a

North Carolina "Super Lawyer" in real estate law.

CHRISTINE "CHRISTY" L. MYATT ('79, JD '82) practices bankruptcy, creditors' rights and workouts with Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier PLLC in Greensboro, NC. She is on the list of North Carolina's "Top 50 Female Super Lawyers" in *Law & Politics*.



Jill R. Wilson

JILL R. WILSON (JD '82) is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro,

NC. She has been named one of North Carolina's "Super Lawyers" in schools and education.

## 1983

MARGARET SHEA BURNHAM (JD '83) practices commercial real estate and litigation with Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier PLLC in Greensboro, NC. She is on the list of North Carolina's "Top 50 Female Super Lawyers" in *Law & Politics*.

SARAH WESLEY FOX (JD '83) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC. She was recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" in employment and labor law.



Sarah Wesley Fox

STEVEN MINER (JD '83) is with Daley Zucker Meilton Miner & Gingrich LLC in Harrisburg, PA.

## 1984

LAURA CARLAN BATTLE

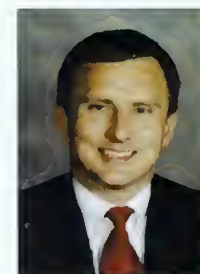


Laura Carlan Battle

(JD '84) is a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps. She is a staff judge advocate at Lackland

AFB, TX, specializing in environmental and criminal law.

STEPHEN R. BERLIN ('81, JD '84) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He was



Stephen R. Berlin

recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" in environmental law.

BRIAN A. GALLAGHER

(JD '84) lives in Camp Hill, PA. He had a chapter, "HIPAA Privacy in the Pharmacy," published in the *Pharmacy Law Desk Reference*.

WALTER C. HOLTON JR.

(JD '84) opened a law office in Winston-Salem, practicing personal injury, wrongful death and workers' compensation. His wife, Lynne, handles real-estate closings in his office.



Jim W. Phillips Jr.

JIM W. PHILLIPS JR. (JD '84) is with Brooks Pierce McLendon Humphrey & Leonard LLP in Greensboro, NC.

He has been named one of North Carolina's "Super Lawyers" in business litigation.

DAVID A. SENTER ('81, JD '84) practices construction and surety, commercial litigation and commercial collections with Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier PLLC in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of North Carolina's "Super Lawyers" by *Law & Politics*.

DAVID C. SMITH

('81, JD '84) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He was recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" in business litigation.



David C. Smith

## 1985

NANCY BORDERS

PASCHALL ('82, JD '85) is a partner/attorney with Mullen Holland & Cooper PA in Gastonia, NC. She received the 2006 ATHENA Award from Citizens South Bank and The Gaston Chamber of Commerce.

## 1986

RANDALL D. AVRAM

(JD '86) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC. He was recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" in employment and labor law.

LISA JEFFRIES CALDWELL



Lisa Jeffries Caldwell

(JD '86) is senior vice president of human resources at Reynolds American Inc. in Winston-Salem.

JAMES D. "BERT" CONCEPCION (JD '86) is with the U.S. Army stationed in Tikrit, Iraq. He is the command judge advocate for the 105th Engineer Group (Combat) National Guard unit from Winston-Salem.

ROB PITKIN (JD '86) has been named chairman of the Heart of America Chapter of



Rob Pitkin



Associated Builders and Contractors. He practices construction law and commercial litigation with Levy & Craig in Kansas City, KS.

## 1987

**E. WILLIAM "BILL" KRATT** ('84, JD '87) practices estate planning and probate law with Herring McBennett Mills & Kratt



E. William "Bill" Kratt

PLLC in Raleigh, NC. He was elected a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

**GREGG E. MCDUGAL** (JD '87) is with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC.



Gregg E. McDougal

He was recognized as a North Carolina "Super Lawyer" in business litigation.

**BRENT C. SHAFFER** ('84, JD '87) is a partner with Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP in Wilmington, DE. He practices commercial real estate law. He is editor of *The*



Brent C. Shaffer

*Sublease and Assignment Deskbook*, published by the American Bar Association, and serves as an associate articles editor of *Probate & Property* magazine.

**FRANK B. "BUCK" WYATT II** (JD '87) is senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of CommScope in Hickory, NC. He has been elected to the board of directors of the N.C. Technology Association and named one of Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite" in the corporate counsel area for 2006.



Frank B. "Buck" Wyatt II

## 1988

**GREG CONFORTI** (JD '88) is the 2007-08 chair of the Transportation Practice Group for the American Law Firm Association.

**MARY MORGAN** (JD '88) is legal counsel for the North Carolina Community Foundation in Raleigh, NC.



Mary Morgan

## 1990

**ROB BLAIR** (JD '90) practices family law with Horack Talley PA in Charlotte, NC. He has been

selected as one of the "Legal Elite" by *Business North Carolina*.

**JOSEPH B. "BO" DEMPSTER** (JD '90) is a managing partner of Poyner & Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been included in the 2007 "Legal Elite" by *Business North Carolina*.

**DAVID WAYNE JOHNSON JR.** (JD '90) is writing and producing a documentary about instrumental music education and marching bands. He lives in Los Angeles.

**DANIEL O. KENNEDY** (JD '90) is general counsel for RLI Corporation in Peoria, IL. His wife, **CYNTHIA DAVIS KENNEDY** (JD '91), is with Powell Goldstein Frazer & Mur in Atlanta, but she works from their home.

## 1992

**JOHN T. "JACK" GILBERTSON** (JD '92) has joined the Life Sciences & Health Care Regulatory Practice of Deloitte & Touche LLP in Los Angeles.

## 1993

**PAUL LANCASTER ADAMS** (JD '93) has joined the labor and employment and commercial litigation departments of Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP in Philadelphia.

**LISA ANGEL** (JD '93) practices family law at the Rosen Law Firm in Raleigh, NC. She has been named one of Business North Carolina's "Legal Elite." She is a member of the board of directors of the Wake County Bar Association and the Council of the Family Law Section of the N.C. Bar Association.

## 1994

**KIMBERLY H. STOGNER** ('86, JD '94) has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel. She is with Vaughn Perkinson Ehlinger Moxley & Stogner in Winston-Salem and has been named one of the "Top 50 Female Lawyers" in North Carolina by *Law & Politics*.



Kimberly H. Stogner

## 1995

**P. NEAL COOK** (JD '95) practices business law at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, NC. He has been named to the 2007 "Legal Elite" by *Business North Carolina*.



P. Neal Cook

1996

**W. ROSS FORBES** (JD '96) is a partner in the litigation section of Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas. He has been named a 2006 "Rising Star" and is listed in the *Texas Monthly* magazine.



W. Ross Forbes

**ALLISON OVERBAY VAN LANINGHAM** ('93, JD '96) is with Smith Moore LLP in Greensboro, NC. She has been named one of North Carolina's Top 50 Women "Super Lawyers" in civil litigation defense law.

1997

**MARK D. BOYNTON** (JD '97) has been named to *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" in construction law. He is a partner with Pharr & Boynton PLLC in Winston-Salem.

**NORMAN F. KLICK JR.** (JD '97) has been named to *Business North Carolina's* "Legal Elite" in their newest category, "Young Guns, Lawyers Under 40."



Norman F. Klick Jr.

**JENNIFER H. YANKANICH** (JD '97) practices commercial litigation. She is a shareholder in Mette Evans & Woodside in Harrisburg, PA.

1998

**AFRICA D. ALSTON** ('95, JD '98) is a lead consultant, litigation support services with FirmLogic LLC in Winston-Salem.

**ZACHARY BANCROFT** (JD '98) has been named a partner of Lowndes Drosdick Doster Kantor & Reed PA in Orlando, FL.



Zachary Bancroft

**W. KEVIN MCLAUGHLIN JR.** (JD '98) has been appointed general counsel of the North Carolina Department of Administration in Raleigh, NC.

**RONALD A. SKUFCA** (JD '98) is the managing partner of Moretz & Skufca PLLC in Charlotte, NC.

**KEVIN G. WILLIAMS** (JD '98) is an attorney and director with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of the "40 Leaders Under 40" by *The Business Journal*.



Kevin G. Williams

1999

**JONATHAN W. DION** (JD '99) has been named a partner in Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charlotte, NC. He practices commercial real estate and commercial lending.



Jonathan W. Dion

**CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEONARD** ('96, JD '99) is chief operating officer and general counsel for Image Products Inc., a provider of rewards and incentive programs for banks and health insurance companies. He and his wife, Laura, and son, Jack, live in Wilmington, NC.

**MARK SAMPSON** (JD '99) is in labor and employment with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Greensboro, NC.

2000

**DREW DAVIS** ('97, JD '00) has been named general counsel to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education.

**STEPHEN A. OBERG** (JD '00) is an associate with Council Baradel Kosmerl & Nolan PA in Annapolis, MD.

2001

**APRIL BEEMAN METWALLI** (JD '01) is chief of staff to Congressman Christopher Carney, PA. She and her husband,

**ADAM METWALLI** ('96, MD '00), have a daughter, Ellen (2). They live in Washington, D.C.

**CRAIG A. TAYLOR** ('98, JD '01) has been named a director of Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He is also a participant in Leadership Greensboro's 2006-07 class.

**D. MICHAEL TUCKER** (JD '01) is a deputy staff judge advocate with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in Southwest Asia.

**SCOTT S. WARD** (JD '01) is general counsel of the Republican State Leadership Committee and has been elected general counsel and secretary of the District of Columbia Republican Party.

2002



Eric Bass

member of the N.C. Bar and recently gained membership in the S.C. Bar.

**WILLIAM HOLMAN** (JD '02) has joined the law offices of Michael A. DeMayo LLP in Charlotte, NC. His focus



William Holman

**ERIC BASS** (JD '02) is with Wishart Norris Henninger & Pittman in Charlotte, NC. He is a



is on civil litigation, personal injury, wrongful death, workers' compensation, medical malpractice, nursing home negligence and Social Security disability.

## 2003

**ERICA RAMEY KOJETIN** (JD '03) is assistant vice president of Fifth Third Bancorp. She and her husband, Douglas, live in Cincinnati.

## 2005

**KAREN W. NEELY** (JD '05) is an associate in the labor and employment practice group of Powell Goldstein LLP in Atlanta.

## 2006

**KATHERINE ROYAL BOSKEN** (JD '06) and her husband, **CHRISTOPHER W. BOSKEN** (JD '06), are with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem.

**DANNY MURPHY** ('00, JD '06) is a captain in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps, serving as trial counsel and special assistant to the U.S. Attorney's Office at Fort Sill, OK.

## MARRIAGES

**STEVEN P. YOVA** (JD '83) and Frederique Denjean. 9/6/06 in Vienne, France. They live in Rougemont, NC.

**JOHN MARK SAMPSON** (JD '99) and **MARY SUZANNE MILLER** (MD '00). 10/21/06 in Pinehurst, NC. They live in Greensboro, NC.

**STAN BROWNING** (JD '03) and Agnes Lepine. 2/16/07. They live in Atlanta.

**CHRISTOPHER W. BOSKEN** (JD '06) and **KATHERINE M. ROYAL** (JD '06). 8/19/06 in Winston-Salem. The wedding party included **ANN ARFKEN** (JD '06), **BARBARA FITZGERALD** (JD '06) and **AMANDA ZIMMER** (JD '06). Attending were **MARK BENTLEY** (JD '06), **KELLY GIDCUMB** ('00, JD '06), **SAAD GUL** (JD '06), **HEATHER MCKINNEY** (JD '06), **WILLIAM REAVIS** (JD '05) and **PETER ZELLMER** (JD '06).

**WILLIAM THOMAS PARROTT IV** (JD '06) and **LAURA ANNE MONTGOMERY** ('99). 8/16/06. They live in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included **SHELLEY SLAUGHTER HOLDEN** ('00, JD '03), **DANIEL JOHN MURPHY** ('00, JD '06) and **ERIN NICOLE WERMUTH** ('99).

**LESLIE ERIN SAIT** (JD '06) and **A. JORDAN SYKES** (JD '06). 10/21/06 in Mebane, NC. They live in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included **CANDICE ADA CHING SO** (JD '06). Attending were **JULIAN ARRONTE** (JD '06), **GREGORY BECKWITH** (JD '04), **MARK BENTLEY** (JD '06), **SAAD GUL** (JD '06), **GAIL SULLIVAN** (JD '06) and Professor Michael Kent Curtis.

## BIRTHS

**STEPHEN G. TEAGUE** (JD '83) and Tuyen Teague, Greensboro, NC: a son, Jacob Andrew. 12/18/06

**JEFFREY A. KRAMER** (JD '95) and Heather Kramer, Far Hill, NJ: a son, Timothy Joseph. 4/27/06. He joins his sister, Sophie Elizabeth (4).

**KELLY GREEN CLAY** (JD '96) and William Clay, Raleigh, NC: a son, William "Liam" Charles. 12/16/06. He joins his sisters, Rebekah and Rachel.

**RONALD A. SKUFCA** (JD '98) and Silvia Skufca, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Lia Summer. 3/8/07. She joins her brothers, Dane (6) and Alan (3).

**DOUGLAS W. THIESSEN** (JD '98) and Sarah Thiessen, West River, MD: a daughter, Charlotte Rose. 11/16/06. She joins her sisters, Hannah (9) and Heidi (3), and brother, Taylor (7).

**JENNIFER MERMANS BRUNO** (JD '99) and **BARRY BRUNO** (MBA '99), Princeton, NJ: a daughter, Aerin Elizabeth. 12/31/06. She joins her brother, Nicholas (2).

**JUSTIN LEFEVRE** (JD '99) and **MARGARET LUNGER LEFEVRE** (JD '00), Davidson, NC: a son, Ryan Charles. 2/8/07. He joins his brother, Will (2).

**CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEONARD** ('96, JD '99) and Laura Curlee Leonard, Wilmington, NC: a son, Christopher "Jack" John Jr. 10/27/06

**STEPHEN A. OBERG** (JD '00) and Julie A. Oberg, Annapolis, MD: a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth. 11/26/06

**PAMELA J. SIMMONS** (JD '00) and Jeremy Simmons, Jacksonville, FL: a daughter, Heidi Nicole. 11/8/06. She joins her sisters, Kate Elizabeth (4) and Lauren Emily (2).

**LOUISE FIORELLO FLYNN** (JD '01) and Mark Flynn, Orchard Park, NY: a son, Daimon Matthew. 8/30/06. He joins his brothers, Jaiden Christopher (4) and Ashton Andrew (4).

**JOSEPH MAREK** (JD '01) and **HOLLIS SINGLETON MAREK** ('94), Matthews, NC: twin daughters, Julia and Effie. 9/13/06. They join their sister, Sadie (2).

**NICOLE TRUE CEDARLEAF** (JD '02) and Karl Per Cedarleaf, Webster, NY: a son, Gunnar Michael. 7/5/06

## A MEMORIAM TO KATIE FERRARIS TAYLOR JD '06

*By Barbara Lentz, Professor of Legal Writing*

KATIE FERRARIS TAYLOR (JD '06) was the heart of her class here at Wake Forest — when students selected classmates to work with on a 3-person group project, almost all of them claimed Katie for their group. Everyone wanted to be with her — not because she was first in her class (although she did well), but because she was so vibrant and caring. Katie brought out the best in those who knew her and also inspired more than 200,000 people who knew her only through the Caringbridge website where Katie and her family chronicled her fight against leukemia.

All of those who knew Katie considered her to be a friend, and many thought she was their best friend. Those who didn't know her as well remember her smile — Katie had a radiant, genuine smile, and she smiled often. She was optimistic, yet realistic. Despite the times she tried and failed (like when her first-year summer job failed — she seized the opportunity to study abroad and further her quest for the perfect mojito), what was remarkable about Katie was that, no matter what, she kept trying and kept hoping for the best. After being diagnosed with leukemia last summer, she

fought hard and remained strong in her faith and optimism, despite the pain, despite knowing that the best outcome was likely to be less than five more years, despite learning that the chemo would make it impossible to have the children she always wanted (so she made plans to adopt).

When her treatments failed in November, and she started planning her funeral, Katie was the one comforting her friends and family rather than others comforting her. Katie prayed with her husband, classmate Keith Taylor, to help him through his grief and disbelief, and to prepare Keith for life without her. Through it all she retained her warm humor and kept smiling.

Katie enjoyed her life, her family and friends, and the time she had. Although we miss her, we are grateful to have known her and to have had her with us here at Wake. We will always remember her loving spirit, exceptional courage and bright smile.



('72) and JANE B. WEATHERS ('70). Memorials may be made to the Carroll Wayland Weathers Scholarship Fund, Wake Forest University School of Law, PO Box 7206, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

DANIEL A. FRAZIER (JD '73), Nov. 20, 2006, Pfafftown, NC. He was owner of Northside Legal Services and a member of the North Carolina Bar since 1973.

EVANDER M. BRITT III ('77, JD '80), Mar. 3, 2007, Lumberton, NC. He practiced law in Lumberton from 1981 until 2007 and was senior partner of Britt & Britt, practicing domestic, criminal/traffic and personal injury law. He was a direct distributor with the Amway Corp. and an independent owner with The Quixtar Corp. from 1983 until 2007. He is survived by his wife, MARY HEAPHY BRITT ('83), and two children, Marilyn and Evander.

KATHRYN FERRARIS TAYLOR (JD '06), April 7, 2007, Atlanta. She graduated from Clemson University in 1999. At Wake Forest, she as a member of the Honor Council, worked with the Elder Law Clinic and studied in London and Vienna. She married KEITH TAYLOR on 11/17/06.

## DEATHS

WILLIAM JOSEPH EAKER ('51, JD '52), Jan. 17, 2007, Cornelius, NC. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and was an insurance claims adjuster for the General Adjustment Bureau. He practiced law for over 35 years in Huntersville, NC, and was instrumental in establishing the Legal Aid Society of Mecklenburg County, serving as its first director. After retiring from his law practice, he worked for GAB Robbins as a litigator.

JOHN VERNON BLACKWELL JR. ('53, JD '55), Dec. 1 2006, Fayetteville, NC. He joined his father and uncle at Blackwell & Blackwell and practiced law for more than 50 years.

He was a former president of the Cumberland County Bar Association, a former district attorney and a past member of the Campbell University School of Law Estate Planning Committee. He also was involved with the Wake Forest School of Law Continuing Education Program. He is survived by his wife, Edna, and three children, Cheryl, Steven and John Vance.

JOSEPH WILLIAM MAUNEY ('53, JD '55), Jan. 5, 2007, Shelby, NC. He served in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel and practiced law with Hamrick Mauney Flowers & Martin for over 40 years, remaining a senior partner after retiring. He is survived by his wife, Sue, three daughters and their husbands, ELIZABETH

BAGGERLY ('86) and Phil; Anna May and Brian; and SUSAN PERRY ('92, MAEd '94) and DREW ('92); two brothers, PETER ('55) and James; and sisters, Helen, Louise and Ann.

CARROLL WAYLAND WEATHERS JR. ('53, JD '55), Feb. 20, 2007, Hickory, NC. He was a retired attorney who practiced in North Carolina for more than 45 years and the son of longtime School of Law Dean Carroll Weathers. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children William Charles Weathers, Harrison Blount Weathers and GRACE W. SAYDLOWSKI ('94); and sisters SUE W. KALOYANNIDES ('58), KATHERINE W. PETREE



## GIVING BRIEFS

### CAMPAIGN FOR ROBERT K. WALSH SCHOLARSHIP YEAR ACHIEVES SUCCESS

ALUMNI, FACULTY, STAFF, FRIENDS and professional colleagues have contributed nearly \$4 million for scholarships during the Robert K. Walsh Scholarship Year. More than \$275,000 has been raised for the Bob and Kathie Walsh Law Scholarship thus far. This fund will become a permanent endowed scholarship in the School of Law.

In addition, more than \$3.9 million has been raised for other law scholarships. During the Walsh Scholarship Year which will end June 30, all gifts for law scholarships are added together for a total amount raised in honor of the retiring dean.

Dean Walsh has long heralded the importance of building scholarships for the law school. This year was designated as the Walsh Scholarship Year in recognition of his commitment to developing new law scholarships during his 18 years as dean.

### 3L CAMPAIGN WEEK

THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENTS WRAPPED UP the 3L fundraising campaign on March 30th after raising over \$7,400 for the Law Fund. Students surpassed their goal of increasing participation to 85% over last year's participation of 77%. Clara Cottrell (JD '07) and John Mitchell (JD '07) served as the committee co-chairs and led a committee of 18 people who successfully encouraged their peers to support the Law Fund.

SEVERAL STUDENTS WON GIFT CARDS during the week for completing their pledge cards by the end of the campaign. The winners included Jennifer Erickson (JD '07), Chad Fights (JD '07), Brian Focht (JD '07), Sam Harvey (JD '07), and Adam Roark (JD '07). Lainey Gilmer (JD '07) and Beth Kuhnlein (JD '07) also won gift cards to the Village Tavern during a celebration party that was held on March 30th at the Foothills Brewery in Winston-Salem.

### Committee Members include:

- Butch Absher (JD '07)
- Andrew Appleby (JD '08)
- Lesley Bark (JD '07)
- Justin Barnes (JD '07)

- Val Cometto (JD '07)
- Clara Cottrell (JD '07)
- Caitlin FitzRandolph (JD '07)
- Kristin Garris (JD '08)
- Ben Huber (JD '07)
- Jerry Liska (JD '07)
- John Mitchell (JD '07)
- Suzanne Pomey (JD '07)
- Neal Robbins (JD '07)
- Kara Sullivan (JD '07)
- Jose Vega (JD '07)
- Sarah Wallace (JD '07)
- Lily Woodland (JD '07)
- Hilary Young (JD '07)



Butch Absher and John Mitchell work the 3L campaign table set up in the foyer of the Worrell Professional Center.



John Mitchell and Clara Cottrell, chairs of the 3L committee, get ready for the first day of campaign.

## GIVING BRIEFS

### NATIONAL LAW FUND COMMITTEE MEETING

THE NATIONAL LAW FUND COMMITTEE met in Pinehurst on March 29th for the spring meeting to make plans for the final weeks of the 2007 Law Fund. With a goal of \$730,000, the committee will be calling alumni to ask for gifts before June 30.

On Thursday evening, March 28, a reception was held at the home of Gary Gough ('68, JD '74) followed by a dinner at the Pinehurst National Country Club. Local WFU law alumni were invited to attend the reception.

Law alumni and law school staff met in Pinehurst for the spring meeting of the National Law Fund Committee.



(l-r): Holly Marion, Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the law school, Gary Gough ('68, JD '74), National Law Fund Committee Chair, Karl Sawyer (JD '77), Jennifer Hudson, Assistant Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the law school, Bill Belk (JD '83), Cliff Britt ('82, JD/MBA '86), Joe Green (JD '76), and Steve Ensor (JD '85).

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### TAMPA EVENT KICKS-OFF ACC TOURNAMENT

TAMPA-AREA LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI were invited to a reception at the home of Martin Garcia (JD '81) and his wife, Kennedy, on Wednesday, March 7. President Nathan O. Hatch and Dean Bob Walsh were there to welcome Wake Forest alumni and guests who were in Tampa for the ACC Tournament.

The School of Law extends its thanks to the Garcias for this special occasion.

### ATLANTA LAW RECEPTION DRAWS WFU ALUMNI

DEAN BOB WALSH, AND HIS WIFE, KATHIE, greeted nearly 40 alumni at the alumni reception held at Alston and Bird in Atlanta on February 22. Alumni hosts for the event were as follows: Bobbi Acord ('86, JD '89), Scott Burton ('82, JD '86), Steve Ensor (JD '85) and Jennifer Malinovsky (JD/MBA '92).

Thanks to these alumni for making this opportunity available in Atlanta



(l-r): Heather Gorman (JD '01), Vickie Dorsey ('75, JD '78) Dean Walsh, Kathie Walsh, and Bobbi Acord ('86, JD '89) enjoy the Atlanta alumni reception.



(l-r): Bob Graff ('80, JD '82), Jim Meadows (JD '86), Ginger Burton, Scott Burton ('82, JD '86) and Steve Ensor (JD '85) join in conversation at the Atlanta event.



## GIVING BRIEFS

## YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

AS ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR comes to an end, Wake Forest law alumni are asked to make a gift to the law school by June 30. The timing of your June gifts allows the law school to plan for the next academic year.

**Why make a gift to the law school?**

EVERY WFU LAW STUDENT HAS BENEFITED from the philanthropy of others. Tuition covers only about 66 percent of the cost of a law student's education at WFU; gifts from alumni and friends have made up the difference since the beginning of the Wake Forest law program. Scholarships exist because of the generosity of individuals like you.

Alumni gifts — regardless of the amount — are critical to the continued success of Wake Forest law school. Your financial support maintains our small class size, low faculty-student ratio, individual attention, attractive facilities, travel funds for trial teams, library resources and much more.

Every gift provides something the law school would not have otherwise. From computer software in the library to guest lecturers in the auditorium, each gift translates to a significant enhancement for WFU law students.

## WAYS TO GIVE TO THE LAW SCHOOL

**Make a gift to the annual Law Fund**

Your gift goes to work immediately to address the ongoing needs for equipment, classroom materials, travel funds for trial teams, scholarship aid and much more.

**Support one of the law school's special restricted or endowed funds**

Just a few examples of special law school funds include:

- The Charles Rose Endowed Scholarship
- The I. Boyce Covington Endowed Scholarship
- The Bob & Kathie Walsh Endowed Scholarship
- The Loan Repayment Fund

**Make a name for yourself**

Name a carrel in the library for yourself or your best law school friend or professor. Inquire about other naming opportunities in the law school, including classrooms, courtrooms and other spaces.

**Start your own endowed scholarship****How to make a gift**

ONLINE: Please visit <http://www.wfu.edu/alumni/giving>

BY MAIL: Please mail your gift to Law School Development, Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC, 27109

BANK DRAFT: Please email [adkinsem@wfu.edu](mailto:adkinsem@wfu.edu) and request the WFU bank draft form.

BY VISA OR MASTERCARD: Please use the online giving Web address above or call Law School Development at (336)758-5800.

## R. MICHAEL WELLS (JD '74)

### *Preaching Pro Humanitate*



**F**OR R. MICHAEL WELLS (JD '74), "Pro Humanitate" is more than the Wake Forest University motto. It's his personal mission in life.

Wells uses four clear priorities to allocate his time, energy and resources to accomplish a list of activities that would otherwise seem unmanageable: husband to wife, Janet, and father of three adult children; founding partner, along with Gordon Jenkins, of Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem; chairman of the Forsyth County 2006 United Way Campaign; North Carolina Hospital Board of Trustees; Board of Directors of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce; Board of Trustees of Forsyth Technical Community College; and member of the Estate Planning Council of Winston-Salem, as well as the Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section of the North Carolina

Bar Association and the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys. Wells hosts a weekly public service call-in radio show, "You and the Law," on WSJS 600-1200 AM radio, and he also writes a bimonthly column on legal issues for the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

The priorities are: No. 1: Serve your family. No. 2: Serve your faith. No. 3: Serve your profession. No. 4: Serve your community.

"If you are working on hard things in those four categories on a regular basis, then over a period of time you can accomplish a lot of good," Wells said. "I've always felt you should be proactively involved in those four areas, and if you do, then at the end of the day you've done something worthwhile."

Wells began thinking of a career in law when his high school history teacher commented on his energetic, well-fashioned arguments in her class. His mother agreed that he was good at arguing. The deal was sealed during an undergraduate course on constitutional law at the University of Virginia. "I became enamored with the law based on my professor's firm belief that the law was such a powerful agent of change. He taught us that the law could be an immense power for good in a free society if it is used properly. Being the idealistic young college student that I was, I never forgot that lesson."

Wells decided that a good way to be of service in the law would be to specialize in elder law and estate planning. His father used to tell him that he should look at every person he meets at eye level, and he has taken that advice to heart during his journey through what can be very sticky situations. "It can be pretty foreboding talking to a lawyer, especially at a highly emotional time when you're dealing with end-of-life issues," Wells said. "I feel strongly that a lot of the problems regular folks have with the law could be avoided if they get the proper documents in place. I like to help regular folks do that. If the documents are clear, there is less chance for the family to fracture. I've seen some awful things occur in families. That's where the counselor side of being an attorney comes in, where you can affirm people and help them feel comfortable with their choices and help them avoid family problems."

Wells feels so strongly about these issues that he regularly gives free community seminars on such topics as wills, living wills, health care and financial powers of attorney, estate planning, and Medicaid planning. He also regularly gives talks to community groups on a variety of personal growth issues, including organization and time management, establishing what is most important in life, and overcoming adversity. His favorite talks include: "Laughing All the Way: Why Laughter Really is the Best Medicine," "What I Learned About Life on the Way to the Courthouse: Beating the Odds in the Trials of Life," and "How to Live to be 100."



The latter came about as a result of a Harvard University study of people who had lived to be 100 that Wells read a few years ago. "The common feature seemed to be that these folks understood that life is broken into big things and small things," Wells said. "The big things are family, faith, friends, fitness and focus. If it's not one of those things, it's not worth worrying about. If you find yourself getting gyrated about something, ask yourself if this is a big thing. If yes, then be concerned. If no, then be mindful of the things that can throw you off track."

In his own life, Wells gives a humorous example of learning not to get "gyrated" about the small stuff. He says his wife's internal clock works a little differently than his own. "For Janet, 3:00 doesn't really mean 3:00. It means 3:15. For a long time, when we would plan to meet somewhere and she would be a few minutes late, it would upset me and we would fuss about it," Wells said. "Then I found out that nothing bad ever happened as a result of her being a little late, so what I concluded was that the time problem was my problem, not hers. The more I thought about it, the sillier it was for us to have cross words over something so small. It was a hard fall for a lawyer to admit he was wrong."

It's apparent that Wells likes to give advice, and his friends like to tease him a little about that. Bob Parker, a friend and coworker on the United Way campaign, said Wells used to be such a long-winded Sunday school teacher that he sometimes ran into the real preacher's time. Parker sent a list of some of Wells' favorite sayings that were heard throughout the United Way campaign:

"It's important we continue this. It is important we continue this."

"We've got to see it. We've got to believe it."

"It's the right thing to do. It's the right thing to do."

"You da MAN."

"Take a powder."

"Baby needs a new pair of shoes."

But seriously, Parker said, the preaching added up to big success. The 2006 United Way campaign raised \$1.1 million more than the year before, making it the most successful since the organization took a downturn after 9/11 and Wachovia's move.

"Mike is very confident and self-assured," Parker said. "From this foundation of confidence he is able to give much to his family, church, community and world. Mike is always giving of himself. Mike is also one of the happiest people I know, and being around him simply lights up your life."

Wells said it does take a little preaching to get things accomplished. "All of us have a duty to serve. If you're a Christian and you know the story of the talents, then you certainly need to be mindful of that. I think lawyers have a special opportunity, a special obligation," Wells said. "It's part of the tradition of Wake Forest. I think because lawyers are such good problem-solvers and because they do individually command such respect in the community that they can really get things done. They can marshal information, they know how to deal with process. To accomplish anything of substance, it takes somebody who can discern the facts and stay with the process for a long period of time. Lawyers of all the professions probably are most trained to deal with the process of how you get hard things done. A lot of people can do the easy things, but particularly in a community, somebody's got to do the hard things." ☺

— By Ellen Dockham

*"I became enamored with the law based on my professor's firm belief that the law was such a powerful agent of change. He taught us that the law could be an immense power for good in a free society if it is used properly. Being the idealistic young college student that I was, I never forgot that lesson."*

## A GALA TRIBUTE TO DEAN WALSH

DEAN WALSH WAS HONORED at Forsyth Country Club on Friday evening, April 27, by law school faculty, staff, alumni and friends. The festive tribute for Dean Walsh included music, humor and heartwarming testimonials of Dean Walsh's accomplishments over the past 18 years. Eugene Pridgen (MBA '75, JD '78), Chair of the Law Board of Visitors, was the master of ceremonies. Tributes were given by Melanie Nutt, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, with a staff perspective; Suzanne Reynolds, Professor of Law, with a faculty perspective; and The Honorable Denise Hartsfield with an alumni perspective. President Nathan Hatch presented Dean Walsh with a silver chalice and added his words of thanks and praise from the University.



*Dorian Gunter ('75, JD '79) and Larry Price (JD '72)*



*Dr. Nathan Hatch adds his praise for Dean Walsh's accomplishments and presents him with a silver chalice*



*Dean and Kathie Walsh embrace as the crowd rises for a standing ovation.*



*Jim Phillips ('74, JD '77), Terri Gardner ('78, JD '81), Grady Barnhill (JD '58) and Frank Monaco (JD '81)*



*Eugene Pridgen (MBA '75, JD '78) served as master of ceremonies for the evening*

*Melanie Nutt delivers staff tribute*



*Professor Suzanne Reynolds (JD '77) delivers faculty tribute*

*The Honorable Denise Hartsfield (JD '91) delivers alumni tribute*



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### **Are you seeking a job?**

The Career Services Office offers services to alumni in person, by phone, or through e-mail and is available to assist you in all phases of your career transition. To find out about job listings with the Office visit <https://law-wfu-csm.symplicity.com/> and register for an account.

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